July 9, 1926.

Mr. James J. Collier,
Jacksonville, Texas.

Your letter of July 5th together with enclosure duly received. It seems that they got your initials wrong in the trade magazine.

I ran againse a corpse on one occasion in a casket about two years ago in Atlanta unexpectedly and just like the one shown in your paper. It was at the time that Robert M. Collier died in Atlanta (who was my Uncle) and his remains were taken over to the undertaking parlors of H. M. Patterson & Son. I was at Patterson's place selecting the casket, etc., and happened to go into the laboratory to wash my hands and upon coming out of the door the narrow alley way was dark and someone had rolled a dead man with ling whiskers out into the alley way and was in just the same shape that your casket shows. I will never forget it--it make a lasting impression.

I note what you say regarding the price of oats. It is the same way here except that we are selling at 50¢ per bushel. The cotton plant is very fine but there is a little hopper or flea, some call it the Texas flea, that is getting all the forms as they come out.

Conditions are not at all good. Everything is upside down. The people are living fast, wages are high, commodity prices are high and no one making any money. Our cotton mills are all losing money.

I had a letter from your mother at Waco the other day also a letter from Hardy a short time ago.

Mrs. Hardyman doesn't send me the record of her family. Your mother sent yours. I haven't the record of Cousin John Howard or Robert Redding's widow. I guess I will have these in a few days and after I get them I will send you a copy.

Have discovered another branch of the Colliers down at Petersburg, Fla., that are direct descendants of Isaac Collier who was a brother of my great-grandfather and your great-grandfather Robert.

Try and keep in touch with the Wilsons over at Tyler. They are descendants of Uncle John M. Greene who was my grandmother's brother. John M. was a school teacher that went to Texas around 1872.

Come to see us sometime, I would be delighted to have you. I am due to go to New York City in a few days.

We haven't yet completed our manufacturing deals caused by the stock market conditions in New York City.

You know I had the flu two or three times. It started on me at Wake and I have never really gotten my nerves under thorough control.

Give my love to your wife and all other members of the family and with my most sincere good wishes, I beg to remain

Yours very sincerely,

J. C. Collier.

JCC/fp